

## REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-6 and 8-12 are cancelled without prejudice and claims 13-20 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 13-20 are pending and under consideration.

### **Claim Rejections Under – 35 USC § 103:**

Claims 1-3, 6, and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub No. 2004/0119759 A1 to Barros (hereinafter "Barros") and U.S. Patent No. 6,587,784 to Okude et al. (hereinafter "Okude"). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Barros and Okude in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0052462 A1 to Sakomoto et al. (hereinafter "Sakomoto"). Claim 5 was rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Barros and Okude in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,375 B1 to McQuarrie et al. (hereinafter "McQuarrie") and U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0099321 A1 to Pearce (hereinafter "Pearce"). Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Barros in view of Okude, and further in view of Japanese Patent No. 2001-134743 to Hiramoto et al. (hereinafter "Hiramoto"). Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Barros and Okude in view of Sakomoto and Hiramoto. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Barros, Okude, Pearce, and McQuarrie, and further in view of Edward Tufte, "Visualizing Information" and U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0078131 to Dowd et al. (hereinafter "Dowd").

Like prior claim 1, new claims 13-16 are directed to a data display method. Similarly, like claim 7, new claims 17-20 are directed to a computer readable medium. For convenience, the prior pending claims have been cancelled and the amended portions of the claims have been rewritten as new claims 13-20.

### **NEW CLAIMS 13-20**

The new claims 13-16 are directed to respective data display devices displaying data objects on a display in respective predetermined data display manners, and claims 17-20 are directed to computer readable medium storing executable codes which when executed on a computer makes the computer to perform respective data display methods that displays data objects on a display in predetermined data display manners. The claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification and claims.

The cited prior art references, alone or in combination fail to anticipate the obtaining unit and the display control unit respectively recited in claim 13-16. Further, relative to claims 17-20 the cited prior art references do not anticipate at least "distinguishing and displaying each data object depending on" (a) " the at least one of the obtained fill area and the obtained number of

colors," (b) "the obtained number of plots," (c) "the obtained number of lines," or "(d) "the obtained number of vector lines" respectively recited in claims 17-20, "as the appearance characteristic."

## CONCLUSION

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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